



Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project October 22, 2013 Community Meeting

Individual Response Form Verbatim Comments

Question #1: What prompted you to attend this meeting?

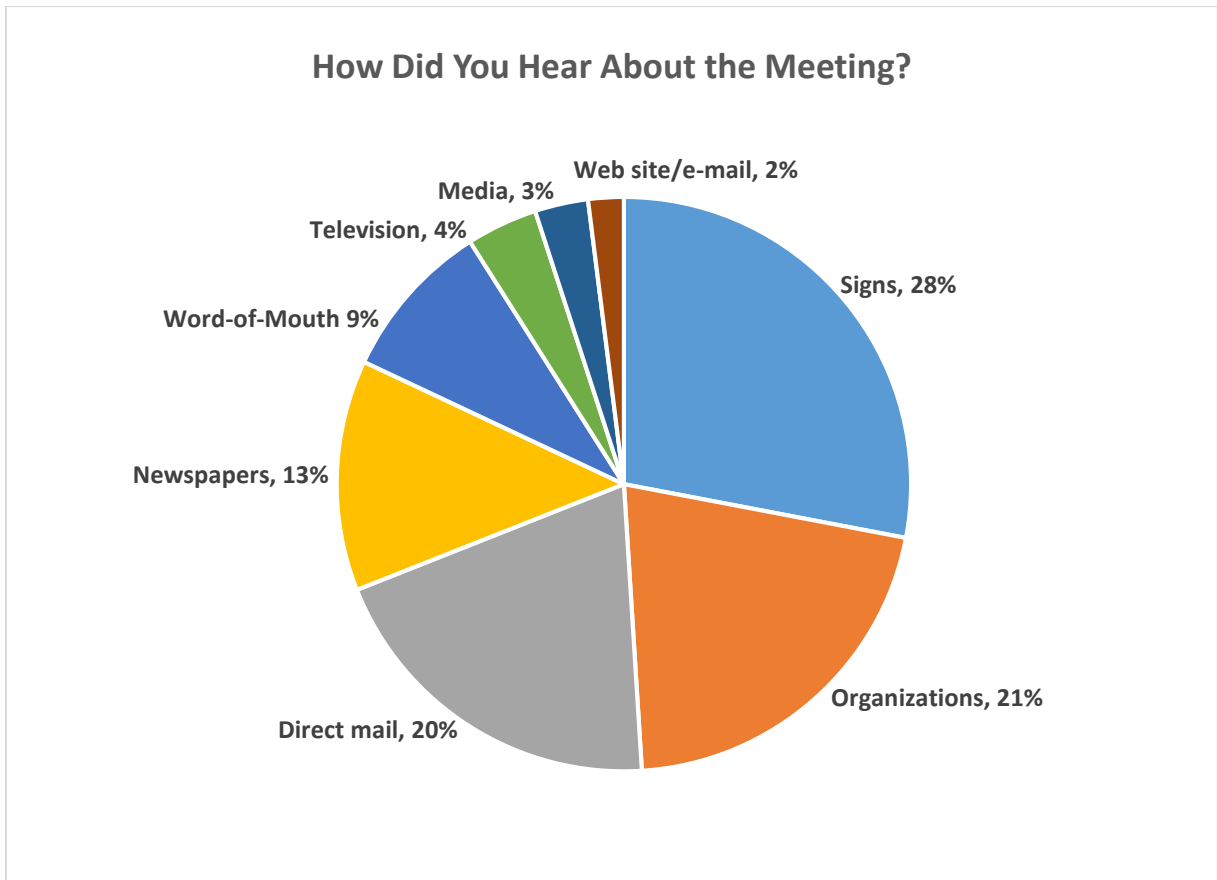
- I live on 31st Street
- Concern for improvements to the concrete channel
- Concern for potential flooding
- Our house is near the flood zone; I attended the first meet[ing] also
- Concern
- Concern for the safety of homes in Pleasant Valley
- Concern for future flooding, neighborhood access
- Live in Pleasant Valley subdivision
- I live on 31st Street east of the channel
- Wanting to know what is planned for the ditch
- More information on plans to mitigate flooding in Camp Creek
- I walk my dogs in Garden of the Gods off-leash area almost every day; I have seen the destruction of all the water. The culvert is really degraded!
- Live on 31st
- Wanted to hear people's ideas
- Live on 31st; many concerns
- Living on 31st Street
- Flood warnings; sand bags throughout the neighborhood
- Summer flooding; sand bag distribution
- Knowledge and action?
- My mother lives in Pleasant Valley, so I brought her and a friend to give our input to this process
- I live on 31st and go to the Garden every day
- I live on 31st (north of Water)
- Concerns about the 31st Street channel and our Pleasant Valley neighborhood and the impact of flood mitigation

- Executive Director, Trails and Open Space Coalition; we care about plans, impact on Garden of the Gods, Glen Eyrie, and Rock Ledge Ranch
- Information
- Flood Plain map in newspapers showed all of Pleasant Valley in the flood plain. I had thought my house was not in the flood area
- Concerns about the unintentional destruction of archaeological resources and historic integrity of the area
- We live in Pleasant Valley neighborhood
- I live in Pleasant Valley
- Concern whether this meeting was pre- or post-decision process
- Believe that something must be done
- I live on Valley Road and am very concerned about flooding, especially after the Front Range floods
- I live there
- Scott Hente's foolish idea about a concrete tube covering (?) the ditch
- Live in Pleasant Valley and received flyer
- The Garden of the Gods Park and Visitor and Nature Center
- I live on 31st Street
- Interested due to the fact we live on 31st Street on the west side of the ditch
- We live on 31st Street across from Valley Swim Club
- Live on 31st Street and concerned about replacing the drainage
- I am concerned about Camp Creek flooding, safety, aesthetics, noise and function
- We live on Valley Drive, and our daughter attends Howbert. We're very concerned about both safety and property values
- Flooding concern; interest in improving the community
- Resident of Pleasant Valley
- Live in neighborhood; work with neighborhood association
- Concern for the safety and aesthetics of the valley
- Being a resident of Pleasant Valley
- Interest in the impact on parks (Parks Board representative)
- Live on 31st above Water and what happens with ditch is a major concern; both aesthetics and access and ultimately impact to our flood insurance
- Concern for our parks; liaison for Parks board, Garden of the Gods, Rock Ledge Ranch, and future trails
- Concern about design of Camp Creek

- I have been waiting for years for the opportunity; I live in the neighborhood and would like to see function and appearance improved
- Sign on 31st
- I am in the flood zone – Pikes Peak Avenue just off 31st (east)
- I live in Pleasant Valley on 31st Street and have a vested interest in Camp Creek improvements
- Resident of Pleasant Valley; President, Rock Ledge Ranch
- Member, Board of Directors, RLRLHA, as well as concern for community improvement
- Concern for Rock Ledge Ranch; inclusion of Native American concerns
- Camp Creek runs in front of my house on 31st Street; we need to plan for 50 years out: what will our children be proud to have in their front yards
- I am on the Rock Ledge Ranch Board of Directors
- Live in Pleasant Valley
- We live on 31st Street
- Interested in what is going to happen with Camp Creek on 31st
- I live on 31st Street so of course am concerned about possible flooding and property damage
- I live on 31st Street (glub, glub)
- I live in Pleasant Valley and am concerned
- Concern over trail impact and aesthetics of Garden of the Gods, Rock Ledge Ranch and Glen Eyrie areas
- Live on 31st
- Concern about future plans; desire to be informed
- Concern about covering channel; please do not
- I live one house away from the Creek and care about the Creek's function and aesthetics
- The disintegration of Camp Creek drainage (the ditch)
- Live close to 31st Street
- Impact of decision on the Garden of the Gods Park, Rock Ledge Ranch and Visitor Center
- Live on 31st
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- Pleasant Valley residents for years
- I live in Pleasant Valley on 31st Street
- I live in the neighborhood on 31st Street and I care about what happens
- Concern for future flooding – my personal safety and protection of our property value and the aesthetic value of Garden of the Gods Park and Rock Ledge Ranch

- Live in Pleasant Valley
- Newspaper article
- Flooding concerns
- Interested in our home's security and safety
- Concerned about my neighborhood
- Concern for beauty and property values in neighborhood
- I live at the end of 31st Street next to Rock Ledge Ranch
- Interest in the property values, safety, and beauty of the neighborhood. Deep desire for something to be done proactively before people lose their homes, possessions and have to fight with insurance
- Homeowner in Pleasant Valley
- Homeowner in Pleasant Valley (*not a duplication*)
- Concern about our home
- Live on 31st Street
- Self
- Concern and help my community
- Community concern
- Worried that someone would screw things up
- I have lived on 31st Street since 1979; I am concerned about flooding
- My concern for the area in which I live with possible flooding
- I live in the Valley
- I grew up in Pleasant Valley and still have friends living there especially along 31st Street so I have general interest in making sure the best solutions affordable can be made to protect the Valley from drainage damage
- Concern about flooding
- My father's house is on 31st Street. I grew up in Pleasant Valley

Question #2: How did you hear about this meeting?



Question #3: What was of greatest value about this meeting?

- Ideas
- Reading the preliminary issues list
- Community input
- Maps / visuals
- Opinions were expressed as were considerations
- Information about the “process” and what that entails
- Preliminary Issues List
- People getting together
- The fact that the experts put this meeting together and respect the community opinion and involvement
- Hearing input from others
- Discussion with neighbors on Camp Creek and what needs to be done for safety and flood mitigation
- The openness to hearing all citizens who came to the meeting
- All the excellent suggestions
- Large attendance shows much interest
- The diverse ideas
- Learning about things important to us
- Eliminating yuppie aesthetic viewpoints
- Getting so much great input
- Communication, talking with potential decision-makers?
- Brainstorming; thanks for the community opportunity to give input
- Open process definition
- Gathering of information; opportunity of contributing
- Good interaction, great ideas; people thinking long-term and with aesthetics and functionality equally important
- Map of flood zone
- Exploring issues
- Information about the past, present, and future of this project
- Sharing of information, community input
- Officials now know how involved this community is
- Knowing that there is forward movement to get something done
- Knowing that the City is setting up to address the issue

- Learning of plans for Camp Creek
- The open discussion and flow of ideas
- Community input
- Hearing ideas on how the drainage problem could be improved
- Feeling like our input is important
- How many people showed up and the concerns of the neighborhood
- Interacting with fellow citizens and being heard on what issues are of concern to me
- “Sense” our input will actually be considered
- Collecting input from neighbors
- Sharing of information of and by participants
- Becoming better informed of the process
- Interaction at the table
- Hearing that our concerns are finally being addressed AND that you care what we think!
- Great community input
- Small group meetings
- Community input
- Designed with people in mind
- Trying to set priorities
- My greatest value is providing input / guidance to the project
- Input from a diverse group of residents, City staff
- Discussion and clarity
- Start working on solutions
- The sense of listening by the City; it feels like the City will do right by us
- It brought about many great minds – and ideas for an area we all dearly love
- Good exchange by many
- Informative, community involvement
- Information
- Knowing that the City is going to take care of this problem
- A feeling that something was getting done
- Information gathering – reviewing issues, meeting neighbors
- Ideas of how to improve drainage; criteria C.S. is considering and concerns of associated parties
- Stimulated thinking, even though it seems there are only a few viable and affordable options

- Bringing people together
- Different ideas / suggestions
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- Hearing concerns of Pleasant Valley
- Good interest from residents
- To know that somebody is trying to do something
- Small group
- Issues brought up
- Solutions / information
- Community involvement prior to project start
- Seeing the community involvement
- Community involvement
- Keeping the issues alive and up front
- Info about your planning
- All the good information
- Getting more information
- Very well prepared!
- Having it, all the pre-work, the handouts and the interest
- Plans for the 31st Street ditch
- Information on flow rate
- Good to hear other thoughts and concerns
- Hearing everyone's views
- Broader view about the seriousness of the problem
- I learned a lot to bring back next meeting
- Starting on process to solve the problem
- Discussing the situation with neighbors

- Meeting with neighbors and seeing where the process is
- Getting together and discussing the Preliminary Issues List. Hopefully our ideas will help with this situation
- Group meetings
- The interest in trying to resolve the flooding problem
- Learning about the issues
- Getting community input in an organized way

Question #4: Do you have any suggestions for improving the meeting?

- No
- Nothing I can think of
- 2 more “moveable” microphones to pass around to meeting participants
- No
- No small group; too much confusion in trying to access the Preliminary Issues List as a guide
- No, well done
- More question period and less small groups
- No
- Well organized – thank you
- It was handled very professionally. Don’t read so many comments, many were repetitions
- No
- You spent a lot of time telling us how much you wanted to hear what we had to say
- Small group discussions need more time
- No – it was a great time and very diverse
- More discussion and Q and A from engineers before we give input in small groups
- No
- Chairs rather than benches for the elderly
- Good
- Pictures of other solutions through[out] country / globe would be nice
- Use a timer to move things along
- No, this seems like a very organized meeting with plenty of opportunities for public comment
- It should be shorter and more efficient
- 1. Ability to review info online before meeting, inclusive of the meeting agenda; 2. Instead of large meeting, more meeting on specific interest subjects
- It was well run!
- Too much time not sharing ideas by team... You weren’t wanting to discuss ideas yet, but really... no ideas? Solutions?
- No, very thoughtful and well planned
- Having another meeting – split up – North Pleasant Valley, South Pleasant Valley
- Not at this time
- Need to start getting some plans and alternatives for the upcoming project. There has been lots of talk, but I haven’t seen any ideas for improving the situation

- Email the information package or provide the ability to access it prior to the meeting
- Name tags / identify where participants live
- More comfortable seats (sarcasm)
- Seat by interest or neighborhood groups
- No
- Logistics were conducive to a provocative meeting. Design presentations for the uninitiated; define terms; better maps. Give briefers a laser pointer
- Great job!!
- Ensure all in attendance get email notice of the next community meeting; agree with idea of pre-sending info for consideration
- Prioritize areas of importance
- No
- The meeting ran well
- None, yet
- Breaks and padded seats? HA!
- Not at this time. Well-designed discussion process
- More discussion time; more solution idea time
- Thanks for food and water – perfect. You made us feel welcome and valued. Keep it up!
- Less esoteric talk, more concrete plans and information
- No
- Who's the leader? Where does the buck stop? Accountability
- No
- No, very informative
- Good meeting
- No – well done
- No
- I would like to know more about the past (historical) flows when we had some minor flooding
- Start at 6:30 p.m.
- Good job; might suggest a more organized method to select small groups. Many in our group were neighbors and had similar views and concerns – not much diversity of thought
- Smaller forums; this meeting was important to get started
- More information
- Consider having the next meeting in the school auditorium (more comfort, all facing forward)

- No
- Expecting more groundwork on viable solutions from engineers / we will see that next December
- It was very well presented
- Better seats
- Need round tables? Current format – rectangular tables and poor acoustics make it hard to participate in discussion
- More discussions, less speakers
- No, good location, good time. For a “what can be done now” encourage everyone to consider buying flood insurance
- Possibly moving the time to 6:30 or 7:00
- I liked the open question time
- Email us before the meeting to have more time to give u better feedback
- It was well done!! Great info!! Thank you
- Make sure public feels they are being heard (this was a good start) (Key decisions should be consensus)
- Very good format
- It was well done
- No
- None

Question #5: Please add any other comments about the project that you may have.

- Make another emergency exit from Pleasant Valley. Any plan must contain a maintenance plan
- Thank you for arranging and facilitating the meeting!
- What idiot approved the “development” of Pleasant Valley in a drainage area in the first place? Now that it’s here, defend it. Forget about aesthetics: reduce cost of flood insurance. Get help from Glen Eyrie personnel – their project is very nice
- Keep it short and concise
- Project people need to look at the history that was written up in *The Gazette* 15 – 20 years ago. They did a wonderful job of showing the flood plain including all the way to the north. Look it up! Do consider the springs under Pleasant Valley. People used to have wells to irrigate their yards. It isn’t just surface water!
- Good discussion sessions
- Great group discussion. We hope the neighborhood will be kept well-informed
- No roundabouts! No widening of 31st – and we need on-street parking on 31st south of Fontanero
- Have Christo design an art project over the 31st Street drainage and use the money generated to pay for the real improvements
- Have time frames for completion
- Need some longer time frames for group discussions
- What model studies have been researched in areas outside of the Pikes Peak area that have similar challenges, i.e. California mudslides or in places like Venice or Amsterdam in Europe?
- With limited funding, safety is first, not self-serving aesthetics, more mitigation and diversion of water around Queen’s Canyon and ponds to divert
- From a hydrology point of view, it would be of interest to know which criteria will drive technical design: flow volume? Flow rate? Volume flow cross-section? Channel contact surface (friction component in controlling flow rate)?
- Covering the ditch is not an option we would approve!
- Would like a realistic timeline. Doing nothing not an option?
- Hoping that we can design something functional but still an asset to the community. I have always called the Creek “the ditch”. I’d like to have some reason to change the nomenclature
- Communication
- 31st Street is a gateway to Rock Ledge Ranch and Garden of the Gods. This project is a great opportunity to aesthetically improve the neighborhood and improve property values
- I think aesthetics are important. The basin is a gateway to Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch. This is our chance to beautify the basin and add to the landscape. Add color to the concrete and stamp a design
- Unless you know the new ‘4600’ answer, you do not [have?]an objective to plan for
- 1. Viable plan 2. Funding 3. Do it

- The simplest fix is to replace the culverts on 31st Street with bridges that permit full flow. 31st: the ideal solution is to naturalize the whole streambed, making it wider, with shrubs and trees – including improvement of the underground section from Echo to Fountain Creek. Area adjacent to Glen Eyrie could be made into holding pond – where all the gravel washed in recently
- 1. Slow the flow! 2. It is ugly – make changes so we don't call it a ditch! 3. When planning, provide access (better) on each side of the ditch. I don't know folks across the ditch. 4 EGRESS
- The amount of traffic on 31st is much bigger than simply neighborhood traffic – largely I-25 to Highway 24 cut-through traffic. How much easier would it be if traffic loads were smaller? Where else / how else could traffic move? It would be fantastic if PV residents were not cut off by police from their homes during big rains or due to impending construction
- Any plans for an exit for residents that doesn't cross Camp Creek
- No
- *A PV resident asked about re-zoning possibilities for the flood plain. When can we anticipate this to be complete? How (and if) will residents be notified of this? What is the process in regards to FEMA notification on changes? (Timelines?) *Would like to know who was interviewed to compile Preliminary Issues List. Neighborhood families were not directly contacted; important to get input from families living on or near 31st Street ditch *Please do not add guard rails along ditch *Consider more mitigation farther upstream (northwest of Glen Eyrie)
- Living on 31st Street for 23 years, we have never seen the Creek level more than ½ full. Since we are directly on 31st, it is very important to us that the Creek be improved in a way that would return it to a more natural state. It is imperative that the parking lanes be maintained and the street not widened or extended. I like the idea of a notched bike path along the Creek. It is also important to us to have safe access out of the neighborhood in event of flooding, which would come from improving bridges. We would also like to see changes in the elevation of Gateway Road to create a berm and slow the flow of water downstream. Would like to see residents living on 31st Street to have more input
- Preserve, if possible, bike lanes or some sort of bike lanes. Also, preserve the pedestrian bridges. Many people in Pleasant Valley walk – strollers, school children, dog walkers. Reduce noise or at least have the noise level no greater than it is now. Treat the Camp Creek area as if it is important as a gateway to the mountains. Thousands upon thousands of cars travel from I-25 through Pleasant Valley via 31st Street. This gateway needs to be attractive AND functional. It can be very difficult to turn right from Valley or Echo onto southbound 31st Street. Cars travel too fast on 31st, especially southbound. Sometimes cars drive INTO the ditch and not just when roads are icy! Speeding is also a problem on Valley, Echo, and Fontmore, especially on the west side of 31st. Rockrimmon has speed bumps. Why none in P.V.? I am opposed to any 5 ft. fence. I think it would create far more problems than solutions
- Make it functional and keep it maintained!
- Additional issue: Restore natural habitat – make a natural setting to blend urban and wildlife interface and create a corridor for entire community to enjoy – not just Pleasant Valley. Don't go cheap – this project should be the benchmark for community storm water improvements. I hope the citizens will realize that we, as a community, all need to pay for storm water projects. The Mayor needs to stop interfering with real improvements by sticking to his slogan of no new taxes or fees.

There are many projects that need attention. Make 31st Street meander along Creek drainage – will slow water and traffic flow

- 1. What is the relationship between the CH2MHill study and “this project”? It seems to ignore the area. 2. I’m very concerned that a storm water solution will be tied to a perceived need for a west side north / south artery. This would cleave the neighborhood, decrease safety, and ruin this potential amenity. 3 HEC II modeling is needed before any design solutions are considered.
- Don’t just plan, implement (need funding)
- Do not cover (put a top over) Camp Creek on 31st Street. Do not increase traffic on 31st Street. Provide access to part (?) of the valley west of 31st Street
- Take a long ball perspective... 2-3 phases →10 years functional →come back after 10 years and beautify it. Make sure we have a functional (reworked) bridge
- Do not devote a lot of money to the Native American thing. An exit to the west would be nice
- Off to a good start
- Although safety and maintenance for property values are important, we must marry aesthetics to increase and improve the neighborhood experience and provide a proper gateway into Garden of the Gods Park. This project can’t get delayed due to too much “study”; need quick action to critical items with a staged approach. Need additional street access out, but not to north end 31st. Need other than 31st
- This can be the biggest “storm water project” with impact to tourism in COS over the next 50 years! Concerned it’s not on Mayor’s consultants’ top list
- Do not over-design Camp Creek. Clarify there is only one stream gauge in Camp Creek, not multiple ones
- Want a multi-use solution that includes flood control, trails, wildlife habitat and attractive natural feel
- Rock Ledge Ranch needs to be helped with trails and flow, cultural history improvements
- Informative staff of instructors; thank you
- Keep historical values. No traffic circles
- Aesthetics and beautification is extremely important. We can certainly have a safe drainage area yet still have this be designed so that the increasing number of visitors coming to Garden of the Gods will find this to be an amazing place to visit. Bike trail is huge on this road. We need to maintain a safe walking / biking trail
- Our bridges need to be improved upon. Our Native American Indian area needs to be moved to higher ground (funding?)
- It would be hard to make the 31st channel any uglier
- Be sure whatever is done can be maintained
- I would like a better idea of when the construction is going to start
- Let’s get it done
- Concerned there won’t be enough funding to do the project properly

- Very interested in a possibility of a multi-use trail connection from Garden of the Gods to Midland Trail. Would be great to have this connection. Even better would be a dirt connection that could also connect to Red Rocks Open Space and the trail system south of Highway 24. This would be a great asset to both locals as well as tourism. Would be great for hikers, bikers, runners and horses! Would like to see trail issues further addressed in minimizing impact to existing trails, especially in the northern part of Garden of the Gods
- Seems removing parking strips and doubling size of ditch one of the few options
- Are there really options?
- Return to natural rather than concrete. Concerned about construction re-routing underground streams that might undermine homes
- I disagree with the man who said tourism was a low priority, and agree with Susan Davies that a more “whole community” – based concern be used
- Homeowners on 31st should be a group at the table
- What about new developments (Cathedral (Cedar?) Heights) running storm drainage down to Camp Creek at Howbert School? Can this new data be used to alleviate flood insurance if flows are over-rated? One bridge with higher clearance to still access PV when flooding or high flows
- No guardrails! No roundabouts at Fontanero / 31st Street
- Street lower on west side; raise it. Cover Creek in front of Howbert to help with parking. Increase easements on west side of 31st for escaping in an emergency. Make Creek accessible for neighbors and wildlife. Removing elm trees along Creek
- Consider using and further developing the existing valley reservoir site. Install an inlet and outlet to better serve as a holding pond. If done correctly, an integrated valley reservoir could also add another aesthetic asset to Garden of the Gods
- Would like to maintain and develop a paved bike / hike path through the valley. The gravel path through Rock Ledge Ranch is dangerous to cyclists
- One of the presenters mentioned designing for the smaller of the water estimates. I think we need to keep in mind that climate estimate indicates that weather is going to get more extreme. Larger / more intense rainfalls. We should definitely keep in mind that this last flood may be the new norm! Please plan ahead so we don't have to do this again in 20 years
- I recommend that we bury the channel at the end of 31st Street, create the connecting path from Garden of the Gods Park to it, make a green trail with trees and benches and a path in the middle of 31st to Fountain Creek trail. Forget the Ridge Road trail. It's too steep and dangerous. Also, consider dams above RLR for holding water; they would be a beautiful addition to Garden of the Gods
- Once the project is completed (or during), someone should engage someone at the National Flood Insurance agency and / or FEMA and make sure that the flood plain and risks are re-evaluated based on the improvements so that flood insurance premiums would be reflective of the new risk and thus be more affordable. Residents should be offered assistance in and documentation to support their elevations and actual risk. Local PR and education with the general public so that Pleasant Valley doesn't get a bad stigma. Focus first on the narrow, curvy drainage bottlenecks at Rock Ledge Ranch at Chambers and 31st Street. In the meantime, have organized, planned neighborhood evacuation exercises. Where does everyone need to go? Is there any plan to work with the Forest Service to

take down standing dead upstream to help prevent blockage? In the Hayman burn scar, there is still a huge number of trees that are standing dead; that is 10 years later

- To insure flow out of Rock Ledge Ranch stays in existing channel. Make sure water does not flow through Pleasant Valley but stays in 31st Street ditch. Sediment holding ponds. Debris racks
- What would it take to remove the Pleasant Valley area from a 100-year flood plain designation? Will FEMA and other government agencies review the changes to this area to re-evaluate a flood plain designation? Is there an anticipated date for starting remedial work? Take another look at the 4600 ft. / sec. vs. 280 ft³ / sec; something's wrong. In the August rain storm, the ditch reached a 40% capacity – or 3 feet high at the 31st and Fontanero intersection
- Still learning about
- I haven't seen any evidence at this point in the project, but am always concerned about strings that come attached to federal funding. What, if any, conditions would we be required to meet for funding this project?
- Thank you so much for doing this!
- Timelines
- During any construction, what happens to the traffic flow?
- Large volume of traffic on 31st Street south of Fontanero needs to be addressed as part of this project. It seems to me the only way to increase the water flow capacity of the "ditch" is to make it deeper and wider. There is no room to make it wider unless houses are removed along one side of 31st Street. Increasing flow capacity increase flow rate
- I would like to see a functional design first along with several architectural designs showing the aesthetic options. Would like to see traffic control suggestions for 31st Street, especially during any reconstruction of the channel, i.e. access to properties adjacent to the channel and emergency ingress and egress. Doesn't seem to be many comments about mitigation efforts upstream before flows reach the inhabitable areas – probably because those areas are not seen by most of the public; the functional design should also include them